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## High-Speed Rail Authority Initiates Environmental Review Process for the San Francisco to San Jose Portion of the Statewide System

*Solicits Public Input and Hosts Public Scoping Meetings*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.** – Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to initiate a project level environmental impact report (EIR)/environmental impact statement (EIS) for the San Francisco to San Jose project section. At the same time, the Authority's federal partner, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a new notice of intent (NOI) to initiate the federal environmental review process for the project section. The issuance of the NOP/NOI is to inform stakeholders (members of the public, tribes, federal, state and local agencies, organizations and other parties) about the blended system and solicit their input on the scope of the environmental document and proposed project.

The preparation of the San Francisco to San Jose environmental document for the blended system will involve a scoping and public outreach process; development of preliminary engineering designs; and assessment of environmental effects associated with the construction, operations and maintenance of the high-speed rail system including track, ancillary facilities and stations, along the Caltrain corridor.

The San Francisco to San Jose Project Section is part of the first phase of the California high-speed rail system connecting the cities of San Francisco, Millbrae (San Francisco Airport) and San Jose on an electrified Caltrain Corridor with proposed stations at San Francisco 4<sup>th</sup> and King and/or Transbay Transit Center, near the San Francisco Airport (Millbrae) and San Jose. The approximately 51-mile project section will be a blended system which will support a modernized Caltrain commuter service and high-speed rail service primarily on shared tracks. The blended approach minimizes impacts on surrounding communities, reduces project costs, improves safety and expedites implementation.

As part of the issuances of the NOP/NOI, a formal comment period related to public scoping starts which allows for public comments to be received until **June 10, 2016**. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documents and become part of the record. The comments received at these meetings allow the Authority to take into account the areas of community and environmental concern related to the high-speed rail project.

The Authority will be hosting three public scoping meetings to inform the public of the proposed project and solicit input on the scope of the environmental document. The meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a formal presentation and opportunity to verbally state your comment into the record at 6:00 p.m. The meetings will be held as follows:

**San Francisco**  
Monday, May 23, 2016  
UCSF Mission Bay  
1500 Owens St.  
San Francisco, CA 95158

**San Mateo**  
Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
San Mateo Marriott  
1770 S. Amphlett Blvd.  
San Mateo, CA 94402

**Mountain View**  
Wednesday, May 25, 2016  
SFV Lodge  
361 Villa St.  
Mountain View, CA 94041





# CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

## ***PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE***

### ***San Francisco to San Jose Project Section***

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for planning, designing, building and operating the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs, and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization program that invests billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs.

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The approximately 51-mile project section is planned to be a blended system which will support a modernized Caltrain service and high-speed rail service primarily on shared tracks. This approach minimizes impacts on surrounding communities, reduces project cost, improves safety and expedites implementation.

The Public Scoping Meetings are being held to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions and submit feedback.

#### **MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE A PRESENTATION AT 6:00 P.M.**

##### **SAN FRANCISCO**

**Monday, May 23, 2016**  
**UCSF Mission Bay**  
**5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**  
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San Francisco, CA 94158

##### **SAN MATEO**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016**  
**San Mateo Marriott**  
**5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**  
1770 S. Amphlett Blvd.  
San Mateo, CA 94402

##### **MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**  
**SFV Lodge**  
**5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**  
361 Villa St.  
Mountain View, CA 94041

#### **LANGUAGE AND OTHER NEEDS**

INTERPRETACIÓN AL ESPAÑOL ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE EN TODAS LAS REUNIONES.

所有会议均有中文口译。

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MAGKAKAROON NG PAGSASALIN SA WIKANG TAGALOG SA LAHAT NG MGA PULONG.

Meeting facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

Please call (800) 435-8670 or the Authority's TTY/TTD number at (916) 403-6943.



## SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION

The San Francisco to San Jose Project Section extends from the Transbay Transit Center in San Francisco southward to Diridon Station in San Jose.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS & SCOPING MEETINGS

The Authority and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Notice of Intent (NOI) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

For important additional information contained in the NOP and NOI, please visit:

[www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide\\_Rail\\_Modernization/Project\\_Sections/sanfran\\_sanjose.html](http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/sanfran_sanjose.html)

As part of the environmental process, the Authority is holding Public Scoping Meetings to receive comments.

All comments will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documents and become part of the record.

## SUBMIT COMMENTS

Public scoping comments will be received until June 10, 2016. Submit comments via:

**Mail:** **Mark A. McLoughlin**

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ATTN: San Francisco to San Jose  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
100 Paseo De San Antonio, Suite 206  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Electronic:**

Place name of Project Section in subject line:

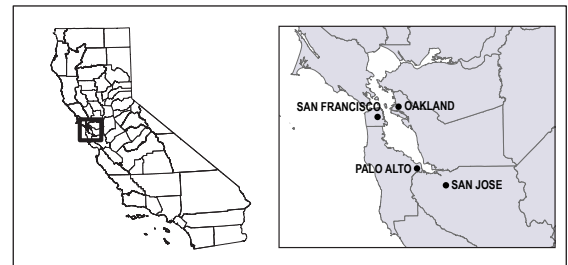
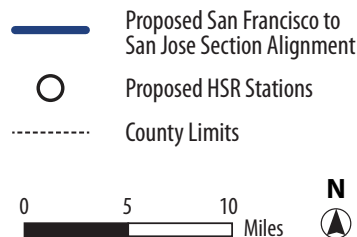
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